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Firka Development (194- 50) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Legislative Assembly Question No.401(Starred) - Management of Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur - Papers - Recorded.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.

(ASSEMBLY SECTION.)
16.11.1949.

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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH, M.L.A.,
FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

*.Q.No.401.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur and its endowments have been taken over by the Government or whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has appointed a trustee or trustees for the temple? ~~of trustees has been appointed?~~

T. M. 16.11.1949.

Secretariat of the Madras Legislature (Assembly Section)
16-11-1949.

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Starred. Sri P. Venkatasubbiah, M.L.A.,
Firka Development Department.

*Q.No. 401. Answer.

Will the Hon.the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur and its endowments have been taken over by the Government or whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has appointed a trustee or trustees for the temple?

The Govt. did not take over the administration of the temple ~~and that~~ According to the Sandur State Temples Proclamation, 1948, the management of the temple ~~in question~~ with its endowments, entirely vests in the Ruler.

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S. No.401.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any Devasthanam temple in Madras and its endowments have been taken over by the Government or whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has appointed a trustee or trustees for the temple?

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ANSWER.

The Government did not take over the administration of the temple. According to the Madras State Temples Proclamation, 1949, the management of the temple with its endowments, entirely vests in the Board.

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(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Health (Dr. T.S.S. Rajan).

Assistant Secretary to Government.

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The Secretariat of the Madras Legislature (Assembly Section) 5 copies.
The Public (Sections) Department. (3 copies).
The Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister for Public Health.

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ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO.401:

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH MLA.

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ANSWER:--

The Government did not take over the administration of the temple. According to the Sandur State Temples Proclamation, 1948 the management of the temple with its endowments, entirely vests in the Rulers.

Madras Legis. 3,002—13-8-49.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 18-11-1949.

QUESTION No. 401 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to ~~be held on the~~ ~~194~~

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the Firka Development Department.

The question has been admitted.

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The Firka Development Department

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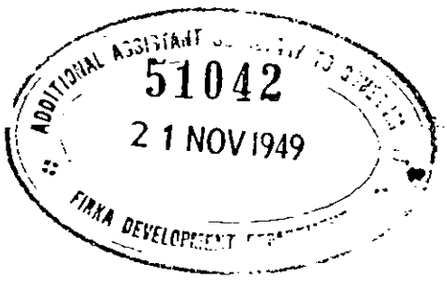

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Please see the Assembly Question on p.1 c.f. The management of temples in Sandur State except the temples which are directly under the management of the Ruler by his Proclamation 1948 is now being carried on by the Government through the Board of Revenue. The H.R.E. Act has not yet been extended to this State and proposals for extending certain sections of the Act are under consideration. The H.R.E.Board has now no control over the administration of the temples in Sandur. Recently on a representation received from the citizens of Sandur that some representatives of the people should be associated in the management of the temple, a reference has been sent to the Board of Revenue and President, H.R.E.Board also to offer their remarks on the suggestion.

Their remarks are awaited. Perhaps the Assembly Question may also be sent to the Board of Revenue and it may be asked to state whether any trustees have been appointed to the temple.

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A draft memo is submitted for approval
Is this one of the temples under the Rule?

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It has since been reported by the Board of Rev. and the President, H.R.E.Board that Sri Kumaraswami temple in the Saundur State is one of those five temples ~~coned~~ covered by the Sandur State Temple Proclamation 1948, according to which the Ruler of the State shall be the Sovereign Proprietor of that temples. According to the terms of the Merger agreement ~~enlisted~~ entered into by the Ruler and the Govt.of India it has been ~~need~~ agreed that the management of these five temples covered by the Proclamation of 1948 should be left entirely in the hands of the Ruler. In connection with the extension of the H.R.E.Act to the Sandur State, it has been accepted that these five temples covered by Proclamation 1948 should be allowed to be managed by the Ruler in accordance with the merger agreement. In the linked file below it is reported that the Ruler is not willing to associate any representatives of the people in the management of the temple. In the circumstances the M.L.A. may be informed ... Govt. ~~should~~ do not take over the administration of the temple and that according to the (merger agreement) Sandur State Temples Proclamation 1948 the management of the temple in question will be as mentioned entirely vests in the Ruler (himself.)

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The L.A. Question in the C.F. and the notes of Firka Dev. Dept. on pp.1-3 above may be perused.

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If p.p. 1-3 of (I) removed

According to paragraph 1(5) of the collateral letter from the Ministry of States to the Ruler of Sandur, d/1-4-49 the payment of a sum of Rs.36,000/- per annum to the State Temples Proclamation, 1948, for the proper maintenance of the temples and institutions specified therein will be continued subject to the audit of the said accounts by an officer appointed by or under the authority of the Dominion Govt. Shri Karthikswami Temple is one of the six temples mentioned in schedule B appended to the Sandur State Temple Proclamation. 1948. Shri Karthikswami (Kumaraswami) being the "Tutelary Deity" of the Ruling House of Sandur, the temple dedicated to that deity ~~belongs~~ along with its endowments, has always been in the exclusive possession and management of the Ruler of Sandur as its Sovereign Proprietor. According to the Proclamation, the Govt. of India have declared that the Ruler should be the sole trustee of the temples in question and they have also definitely stated that these temples need be brought under the supervision of the H.R.E. Board. In the circumstances, this Dept. may agree to the answer be given on the lines suggested at A on p.2 ante, subject to slight alteration indicated in pencil therein.

With the above remarks, the file may be returned

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see the notes of Public on p.3 ante. A draft answer on the lines suggested at 'A' on p.2 ante (as modified by Public) is submitted for approval.

May be circulated to H.M.(P.H.).

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Answered in Assembly by H.M.
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ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur.

334 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur and its endowments have been taken over by the Government or whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has appointed a trustee or trustees for the temple?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The Government did not take over the administration of the temple. According to the Sandur State Temples Proclamation, 1948, the management of the temple with its endowments, entirely vests with the ruler."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the temple with its endowments is not the private property of the ruler of Sandur, but many lands to the temple were given to the temple by many philanthropic people of the State?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"According to the terms of the merger, the temples in the State are now under the control of the ruler."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"Is it a fact, Sir, that the temples of other States that are merged, like Pudukkottai and Banganapalle, have been taken over by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, and if so, why this special concession shown to the Sandur State ruler?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The Hindu Religious Endowments Board have taken over the temples that have been handed over to them. According to the terms of merger, the rulers of States have got some control over temples and hence it is they vest with them."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"May I request the Hon. Minister to write to the Central Government to reconsider this matter and ask them to hand over the temple to the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?"

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"May I enquire, Sir, wherever the Government have taken charge of temples in States and appointed trustees whether they have appointed any Harijan as a trustee, since a Harijan is a better Hindu than other caste Hindus?" (Laughter.)

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—"Is it a fact that the Maharaja of Sandur has sold jewellery worth one and a half lakhs, and if it is so, may I know whether it has been debited into the temple account or his personal account?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"That does not arise out of the present question."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"May I ask whether the Hon. Minister is aware of the fact that quite recently one Harijan member has been appointed as a trustee to the Kunnakudi temple in Ramnad district?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"We are in Sri Kumaraswamy temple in Sandur State, and I do not know how the Kunnakudi temple can come in. So I disallow the question."

Please see the extract above. The Question has been answered in the Assembly on 12.1.50. The papers may for further reference be

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